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BALTIMORE, Jan. 15 (UPI)—Two editors of the radical newspaper Counter-Spy have acknowledged involvement in the publication of the names of alleged Central Intelligence Agency officers by the leftist French Newspaper Liberation.

The acknowledgement came as the French Government said the publication of the names of 50 alleged agents was masterminded from abroad.

Winslow Peck and Tim Butz, the editors, said they expected other anti-CIA publications to print the names of other agents soon, including operatives in Japan, Italy and Spain.

The editors said they spoke to Liberation officials before the Paris newspaper printed the names of 32 alleged American spies Tuesday. On Wednesday, the French publication printed 12 more names.

Peck and Butz said Liberation asked them to verify 50 alleged CIA agents. Peck said he confirmed many but not all of the names.

"We asked them (Liberation) not to print the names of those we did not believe were CIA agents," Peck said.

He said the 32 names published Tuesday were taken from the list which he and Butz studied but he would not say if he had verified all 32 names.